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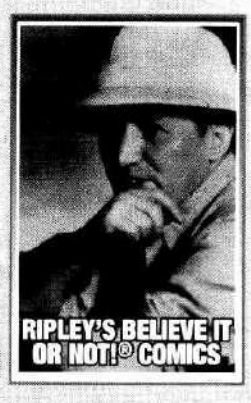

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ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON (1850-1894) FOUND THE PLOT FOR "DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE" IN A NIGHTMARE

THE SHORTEST BOOK IN THE WORLD PUBLISHED IN YUGOSLAVIA CONTAINS 100 PAGES AND ONLY ONE WORD, "MONEY"

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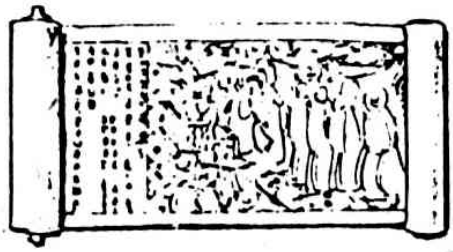
THE TEXTBOOKS THAT WERE WRITTEN ENTIRELY FROM MEMORY!

CESARE MAJOLI (1746-1823) PROFESSOR OF THEOLOGY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IMOLA AND FERRARA, IN ITALY, AND PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ROME, WROTE 27 VOLUMES ON BOTANY FROM MEMORY *AFTER HE HAD BECOME STONE BLIND!*

GREAT FRENCH AUTHOR

WROTE 1200 BOOKS IN 40 YEARS, INCLUDING SUCH MASTERPIECES AS "*The 3 Musketeers*" AND "*Count of Monte Cristo*" STILL HAD TIME TO WRITE A 1150-PAGE VOLUME ON "COOKING" CONTAINING SUCH RECIPES AS "*JAVANESE KINGFISHER NESTS*" "*KANGAROO CHOPS*" - "*PICKLED ELEPHANTS FEET.*" Etc



THE OLDEST PRINTED BOOK

A BOOK FOUND WALLED UP IN A CAVE ON THE BORDER OF TURKESTAN AND CHINA, WAS PRINTED BY WANG CHIEH *1,105 YEARS AGO*

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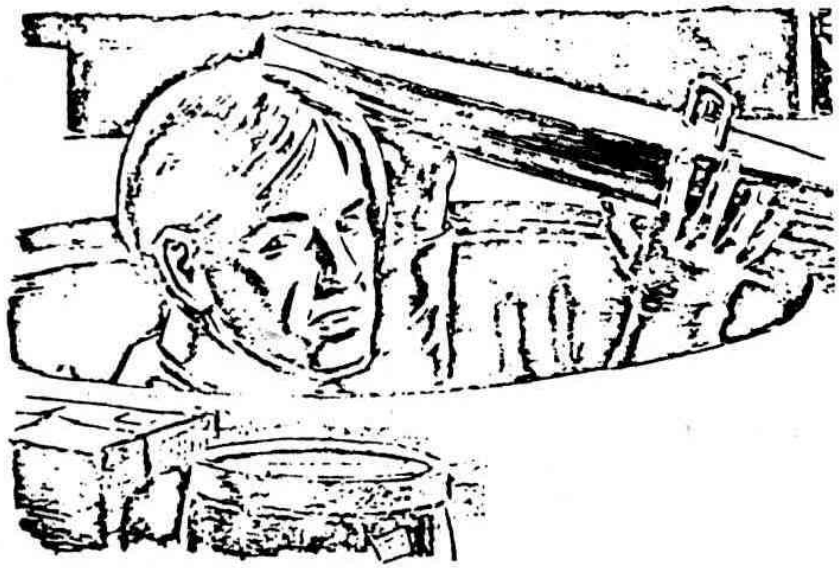
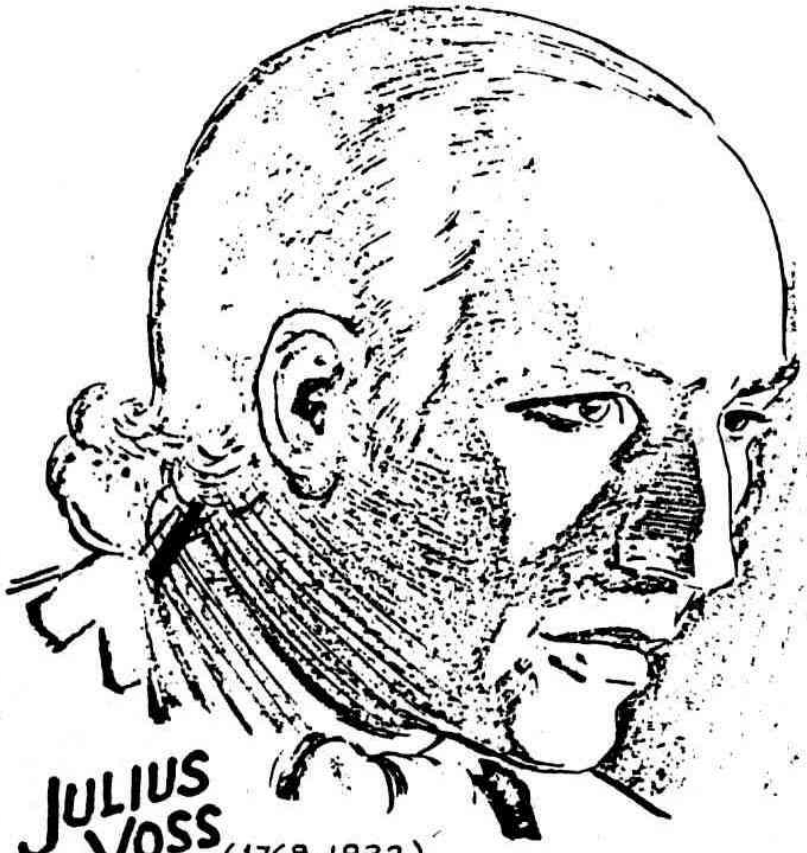


HERMAN MELVILLE (1819-1891)
FAMED FOR HIS SEA STORIES, TWICE JUMPED SHIPS ON WHICH HE HAD SIGNED AS A CREWMAN, AND *WAS JAILED FOR MUTINY*

"GONE WITH THE WIND" IN BRAILLE FILLS 30 VOLUMES



JULIUS VOSS (1768-1832)
GERMAN PLAYWRIGHT AND NOVELIST
IN A PERIOD OF 40 YEARS WROTE
90 SUCCESSFUL PLAYS AND 110 NOVELS

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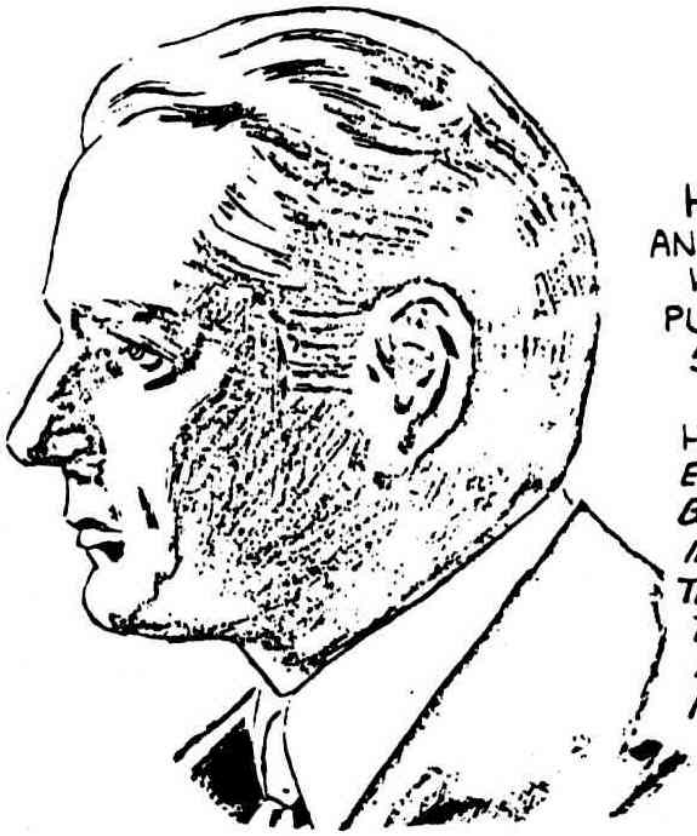
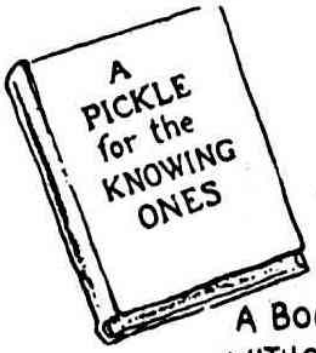


DARD HUNTER AN AMERICAN WRITER PUBLISHED 5 BOOKS WHICH HE MADE *ENTIRELY BY HAND— INCLUDING THE PAPER, THE TYPE AND THE PRINTING*



A BOOK WITHOUT PUNCTUATION MARKS — WAS WRITTEN BY TIMOTHY DEXTER HE ADDED A FEW PAGES OF MARKS AT THE END AND INSTRUCTED THE READERS TO USE THEM AS THEY DESIRED

EMILY POST (1872-1960) INVITED TO WRITE THE FIRST BOOK ON ETIQUETTE, SAID THE SUBJECT INVOLVED ONLY A FEW SIMPLE RULES — *BUT HER BOOK CONSISTED OF 692 PAGES*

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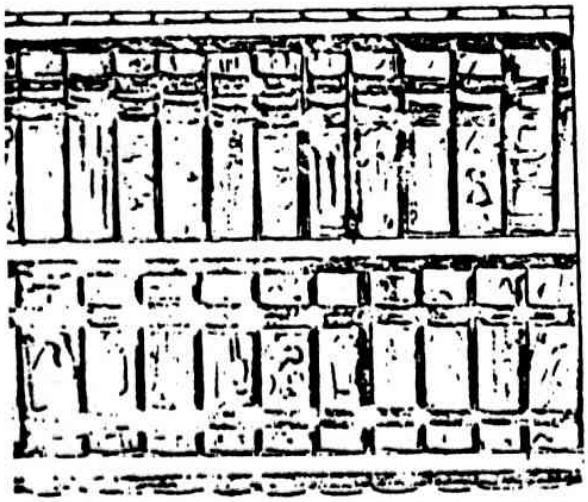
THE MAN WHO CENSORED "ALICE IN WONDERLAND"
John Tenniel (1820-1914)
THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATOR
OBJECTED SO STRENUOUSLY TO AN EPISODE IN LEWIS CARROLL'S FAMOUS 'ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND" THAT THE AUTHOR OBLIGINGLY ELIMINATED IT AND IT WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN FOR OVER 100 YEARS



THE WOOD LIBRARY
OF CASTLE GUTTENBERG, Germany,
CONSISTS OF 97 VOLUMES
EACH BOUND IN A DIFFERENT VARIETY OF TREE BARK

EUPOLIS
(446-411 B.C.)
ancient Greek poet
WROTE 17 DRAMAS
BEFORE HIS 17th BIRTHDAY
7 OF THEM WON HIS COUNTRY'S HIGHEST LITERARY AWARD

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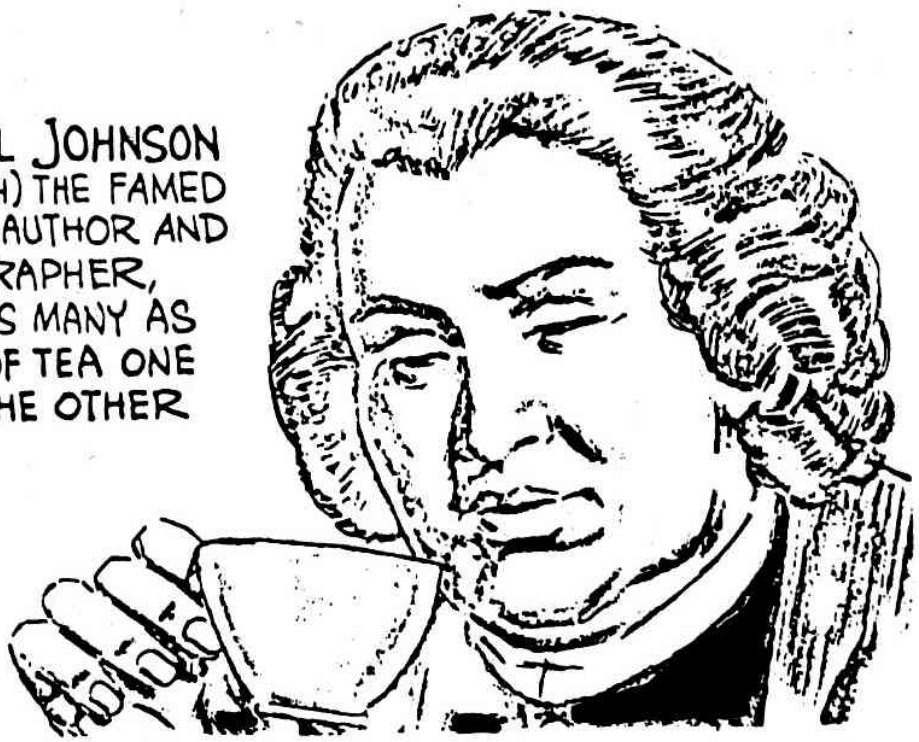
SAMUEL JOHNSON (1709-1784) THE FAMED ENGLISH AUTHOR AND LEXICOGRAPHER, DRANK AS MANY AS 16 CUPS OF TEA ONE AFTER THE OTHER



GILBERT PATTEN WHO WROTE THE FAMED FRANK MERRIWELL BOOKS UNDER THE NAME BURT L. STANDISH, *PRODUCED A NOVEL A WEEK FOR 18 YEARS- NEARLY 1,000 VOLUMES*

THE ACTOR WHO MEMORIZED EVERY WORD SHAKESPEARE WROTE!

Alessandro Avigliano
AN ITALIAN ACTOR LIVING IN LONDON COPIED EVERY LINE OF SHAKESPEARE'S WRITINGS 17 TIMES (1840-1857)
THE LAST TIME FROM MEMORY!

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GEORGES SIMENON

WHO WROTE 211 NOVELS IN 40 YEARS -- ONCE WROTE A FULL NOVEL ON THE TERRACE OF A CAFÉ IN PARIS, FRANCE, *IN A SINGLE MORNING*

HENRY SANBORN NOYES
(1822-1872)
A MATHEMATICS PROFESSOR AT NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

MEMORIZED THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF HOMER'S "ILIAD" AND "THE ODYSSEY" *--A TOTAL OF 162,000 WORDS*

A BOOK
ABOUT ASBESTOS
PRINTED ON ASBESTOS
1727

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MRS. MINNIE HARRIS
Long Beach, Calif.
WROTE HER FIRST BOOK AT THE AGE OF 80 AND LEARNED TO TYPE - AT 93!

ALEX HALEY
THE AUTHOR OF "ROOTS," WHILE IN THE U.S. COAST GUARD WAS ITS CHIEF JOURNALIST--A RATING CREATED ESPECIALLY FOR HIM

Joseph CONRAD
Famous Author and Master of the English Language
COULD NOT SPEAK A WORD OF IT AT THE AGE OF 21 YRS.!

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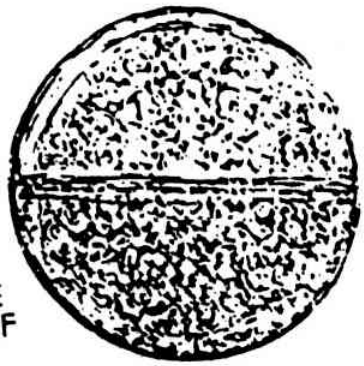
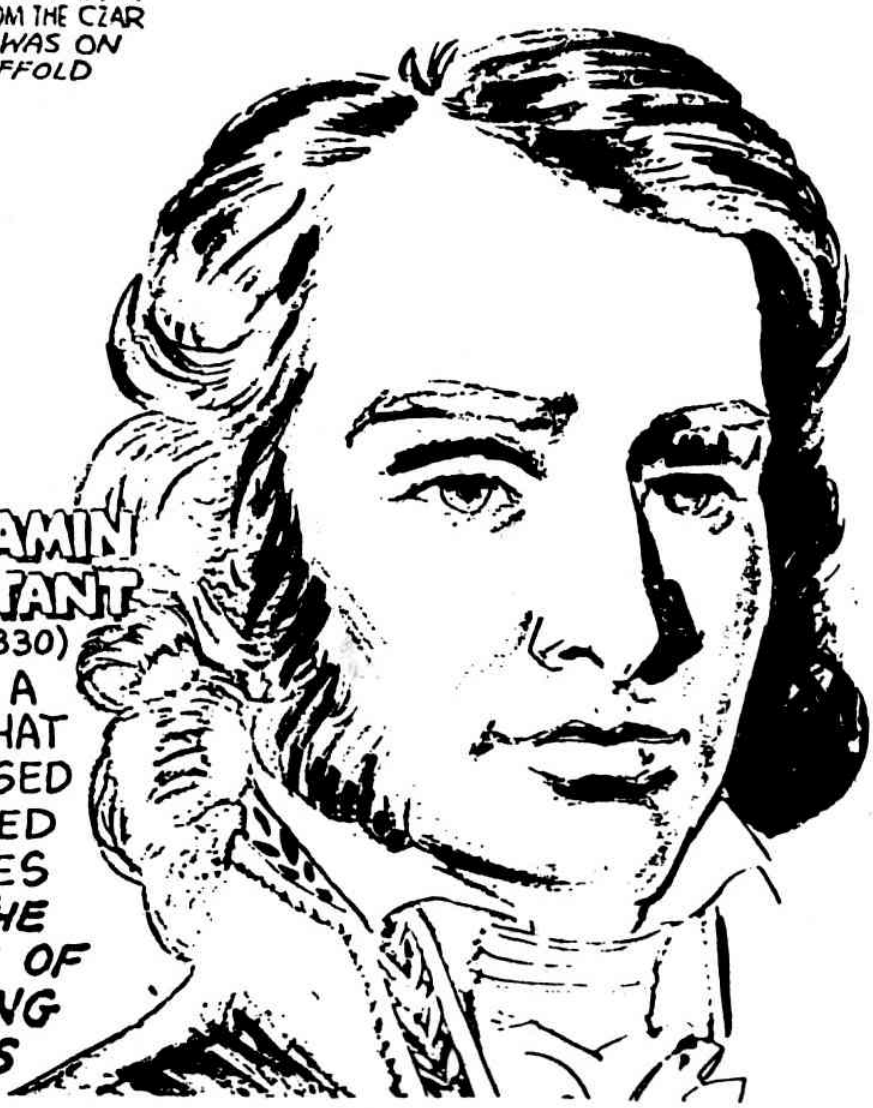
FEODOR DOSTOEVSKY (1821-1881) THE FAMED RUSSIAN NOVELIST, SENTENCED TO DEATH FOR POLITICAL CONSPIRACY. WAS REPRIEVED BY A COURIER FROM THE CZAR *WHEN HE WAS ON THE SCAFFOLD*

THE ONLY ROUND BOOK IN THE WORLD ITS COVERS FOLD BACK AT THE MIDDLE -- MADE BY BOOK-BINDER KASPAR MEUSER FOR THE GERMAN COURT OF SAXONY IN THE *16TH CENTURY*





BENJAMIN CONSTANT (1767-1830) WROTE A BOOK THAT COMPRISED 5 PRINTED VOLUMES *-ON THE BACKS OF PLAYING CARDS*

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SHERLOCK HOLMES

THE FAMED CHARACTER CREATED BY ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE, IN THE 56 SHORT STORIES AND 4 NOVELS ABOUT HIM, NEVER SAID EITHER "*ELEMENTARY, MY DEAR WATSON*" OR "*QUICK, WATSON, THE NEEDLE*"

A BOOK WRITTEN BY AGNUS SANREY SOLELY TO EXPLAIN THE PRONUNCIATION OF THE SINGLE WORD "*PARACLETUS*"
Paris, France

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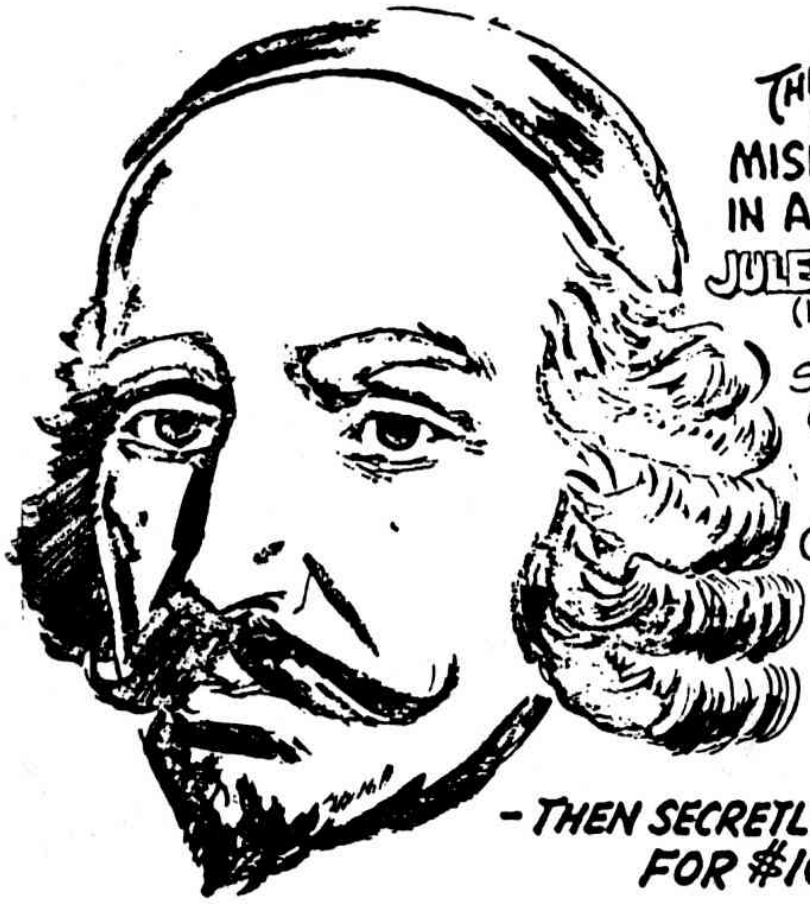

THE MOST MISERLY MAN IN ALL FRANCE
JULES MAZARIN
(1602-1661)
French Statesman
ORDERED POLICE TO CONFISCATE 100,000 VOLUMES LIBELING HIS REPUTATION
– THEN SECRETLY SOLD THEM FOR $10,000

THOMAS HARDY (1840-1928) FAMED BRITISH AUTHOR, BECAUSE HIS NOVEL, "Jude the Obscure," WAS CRITICIZED, WROTE ONLY POETRY FOR THE LAST 30 YEARS OF HIS LIFE

AGATHA CHRISTIE
THE WRITER OF DETECTIVE STORIES, RANKS SECOND ONLY TO SHAKE-SPEARE AS THE MOST TRANSLATED AUTHOR IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

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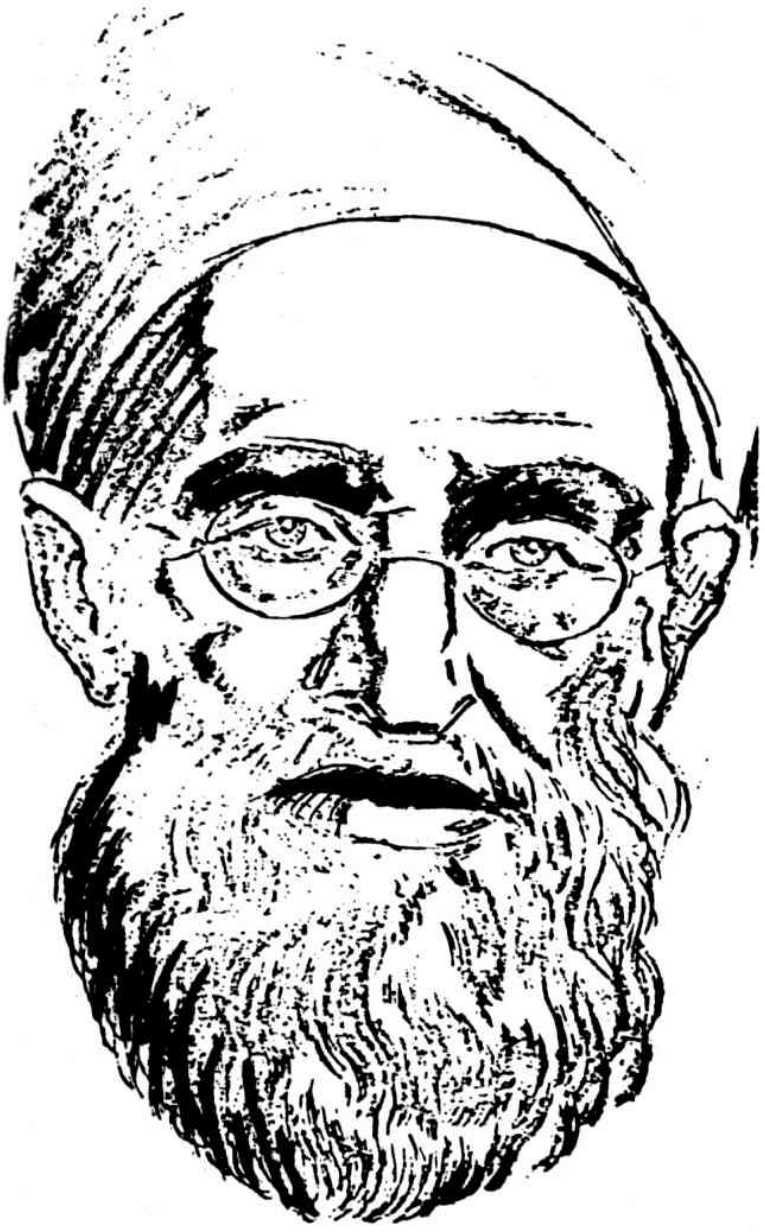

THE MAN OF (FEWER) LETTERS
SYEDNA TAHER
SPIRITUAL LEADER OF THE
DAIWOODY BOHRA COMMUNITY OF INDIA
WROTE 30 BOOKS ON RELIGION
--EACH CREATED WITH A
DIFFERENT LETTER OF THE
ARAB ALPHABET OMITTED
THROUGHOUT ITS 200 PAGES

RAY BRADBURY
WHO HAS WRITTEN
HUNDREDS OF SCIENCE-
FICTION STORIES
SET IN OUTER SPACE,
REFUSED TO FLY IN A
PLANE, AND NEVER
LEARNED TO DRIVE A CAR

"THE
BALLAD OF
READING GAOL"
HAS 4,350 WORDS

AND ONLY 84 OF THESE WORDS
HAVE MORE THAN 2 SYLLABLES

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KING CHARLES II
(1630-1685) of England,
SO ADMIRED SAMUEL BUTLER'S BOOK "HUDIBRAS" THAT FROM THE TIME OF ITS PUBLICATION IN 1662 *HE KEPT IT WITH HIM EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY*

Mrs. IRENE FOSTER
of Hanover, N.H.,
READ EVERY BOOK IN THE DARTMOUTH COLLEGE LIBRARY–
EIGHT OF HER SONS GRADUATED FROM DARTMOUTH AND IN A PERIOD OF 14 YEARS BROUGHT HOME TO THEIR MOTHER EVERY VOLUME IN THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

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ALEXANDER HARDY (1560-1631)
FRENCH DRAMATIC AUTHOR
WROTE 600 THREE-ACT PLAYS
--EACH OF WHICH HE COMPLETED IN A SINGLE WEEK

HENRY WARD BEECHER (1813-1887)
WROTE THE NOVEL, "NORWOOD."
HE ONCE SAID, TO DISPEL RUMORS *THAT HE HAD BEEN THE ACTUAL AUTHOR OF HIS SISTER, HARRIET BEECHER STOWE'S VASTLY SUPERIOR "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN"*

A **BOOK** RETURNED TO THE UNIVERSITY of CINCINNATI MEDICAL LIBRARY BY RICHARD DODD, of WINAMAC, IND., HAD BEEN CHECKED OUT BY HIS GREAT-GRANDFATHER, *AND WAS 145 YEARS OVERDUE* - FINES ON IT WOULD HAVE TOTALED $22,646

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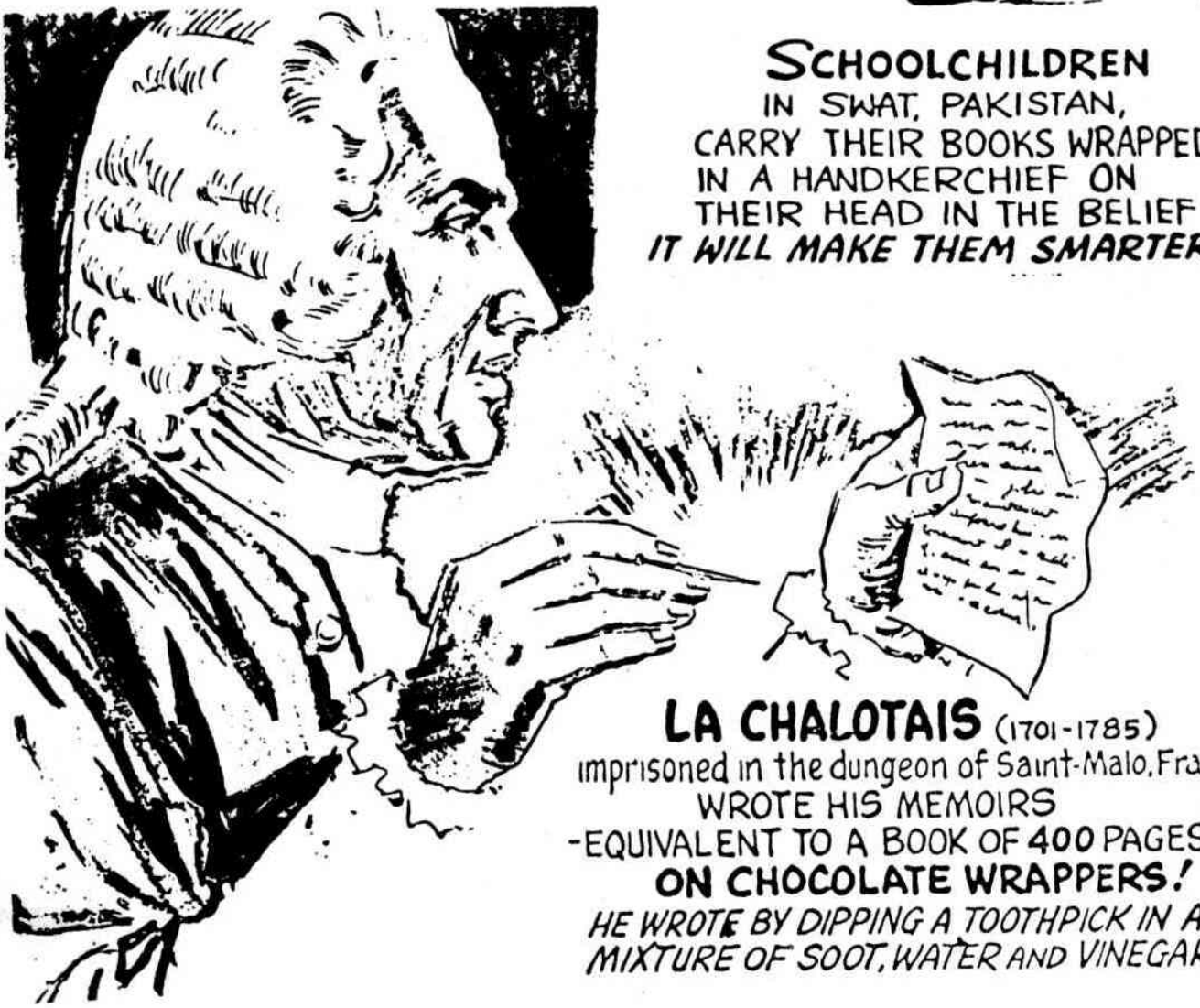
A BOOK PRINTED ON RUBBER

SCHOOLCHILDREN IN SWAT, PAKISTAN, CARRY THEIR BOOKS WRAPPED IN A HANDKERCHIEF ON THEIR HEAD IN THE BELIEF *IT WILL MAKE THEM SMARTER*



LA CHALOTAIS (1701-1785)
imprisoned in the dungeon of Saint-Malo, France
WROTE HIS MEMOIRS
-EQUIVALENT TO A BOOK OF **400** PAGES-
ON CHOCOLATE WRAPPERS!
HE WROTE BY DIPPING A TOOTHPICK IN A MIXTURE OF SOOT, WATER AND VINEGAR

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RUMER GODDEN – author of Sussex, England, LEARNED TO READ AT 4, STARTED TO WRITE AT 5 *AND COMPLETED AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY AT 7*

COUNTESS SOFYA TOLSTOY (1844-1919) WIFE AND SECRETARY OF THE FAMED RUSSIAN AUTHOR WROTE OUT THE 1,216 PAGES OF "WAR AND PEACE" IN LONGHAND 7 TIMES - *A TOTAL OF 4,256,000 WORDS*

HENRY FIELDING (1707-1754) AUTHOR OF THE NOVEL "TOM JONES," FORCED TO SEEK ANOTHER CAREER BY STRICT ENGLISH LICENSING ACTS, *STUDIED LAW AND BECAME A NOTED MAGISTRATE*

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James Fenimore COOPER
BECAME A NOVELIST
ONLY BECAUSE HIS WIFE ONCE
ASKED HIM TO READ TO HER-
THE NOVEL HE READ ALOUD WAS JANE AUSTEN'S "PRIDE AND PREJUDICE," WHICH COOPER FINALLY TOSSED ASIDE IN DISGUST AND SAID: "I COULD WRITE A BETTER NOVEL MYSELF"

GUSTAV GROSSMAN
1746-1796
German actor and playwright
WROTE 13 HIT PLAYS
-EACH OF 3 OR 5 ACTS-
IN THE TOTAL TIME OF ONLY 60 DAYS

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CHARLES DICKENS (1812-1870) CONCEIVED "PICKWICK PAPERS" AS A PICTURE BOOK WITH ABBREVIATED TEXT, BUT THE ARTIST COMMITTED SUICIDE AND *DICKENS WAS FORCED TO ENLARGE HIS TEXT— WHICH MADE HIM FAMOUS AT THE AGE OF 24*

IVAN ANDREIEVICH KRILOV (1768-1844) THE RUSSIAN AUTHOR, PENNILESS AT THE AGE OF 14 AND DETERMINED TO POSSESS THE BOOKS OF MOLIERE, BOILEAU AND RACINE, WROTE AN ENTIRE OPERA, "THE COFFEE POT" *--SO HE COULD TRADE IT FOR THE VOLUMES HE COVETED*

THOMAS HOBBES (1588-1679) THE ENGLISH PHILOSOPHER WROTE SO BOLDLY THAT KING CHARLES II FORBADE PUBLISHING HIS WORK --YET HOBBES *WAS AFRAID TO SLEEP IN THE DARK*

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$1,000,000 BOOK

A FIRST EDITION OF DANTE'S "DIVINE COMEDY" OWNED BY ANTONIO MONTANTO, THE ITALIAN SCULPTOR. AND LOST IN A SHIPWRECK IN THE LIGURIAN SEA. CONTAINED HUNDREDS OF MARGINAL ILLUSTRATIONS - *EACH AN ORIGINAL DRAWING BY ITS INITIAL OWNER, MICHELANGELO*

RENÉ-AUGUSTE de RENNEVILLE
(1650 - 1723)

A PRISONER IN THE BASTILLE FOR 11 YEARS, AND DENIED USE OF PEN OR PENCIL, WROTE 6,000 LINES OF ROMANTIC POETRY AND A HISTORY OF 10 VOLUMES *-USING SPLIT CHICKEN BONES, DIPPED IN A MIXTURE OF SOOT AND WINE*

ZANE GREY (1875-1939)
FAMED WRITER OF HE-MAN WESTERN STORIES, AT BIRTH WAS GIVEN THE FIRST NAME "PEARL"

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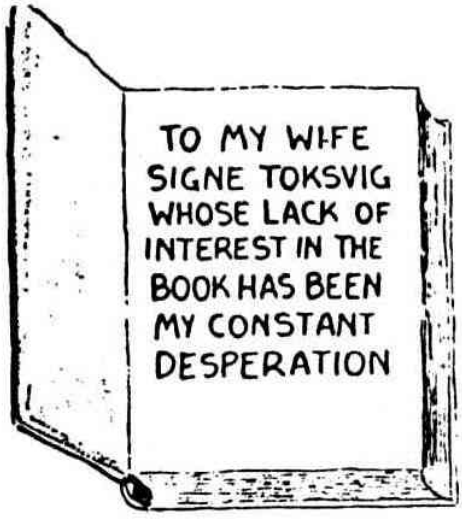
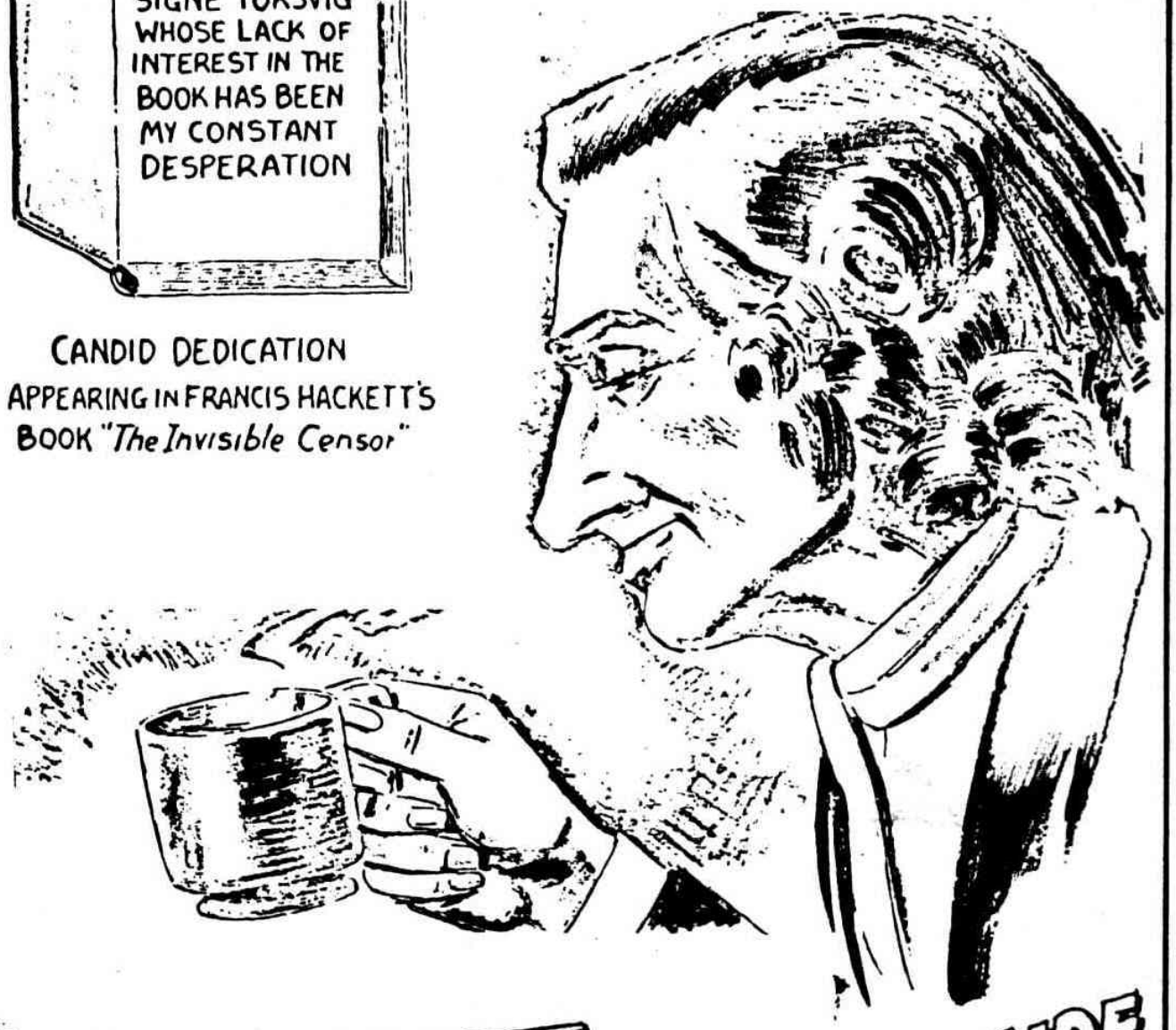
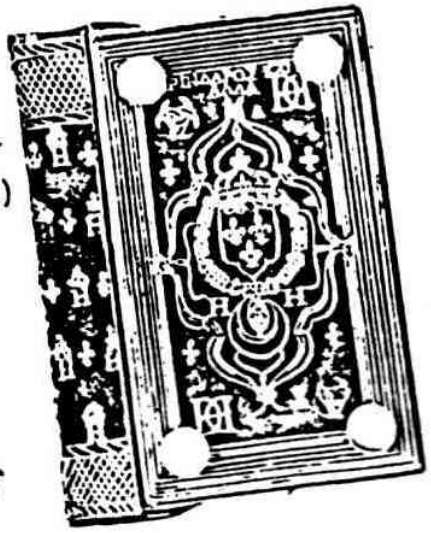


CANDID DEDICATION
APPEARING IN FRANCIS HACKETT'S
BOOK "*The Invisible Censor*"



THE COVERS OF EVERY BOOK OWNED BY QUEEN MARGARET of Navarre (1552-1615) - *BECAUSE MARGARITA MEANS PEARL IN LATIN* - *WERE STUDDED WITH LARGE ORIENTAL PEARLS*



VOLTAIRE
(1694-1778)
THE FRENCH PHILOSOPHER FOR NEARLY 80 YEARS DRANK AS MANY AS *72 CUPS OF COFFEE EVERY DAY*

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COUNT de SADE BORN IN PARIS · 1740
MOST IMMORAL MAN IN HISTORY - DIED IN A MADHOUSE - 1814
WROTE 450 BOOKS IN 5 YEARS - 1784 - 1789

THE COMPLETE ILIAD AND ODYSSEY COMPRISING 48 BOOKS, ONCE WERE TRANSCRIBED IN LETTERS OF GOLD *ON THE 100-FOOT-LONG INTESTINE OF A SNAKE*— THIS MOST ASTOUNDING WORK OF LITERATURE WAS DESTROYED WHEN FIRE RAZED THE GREAT LIBRARY OF BYZANTIUM IN 476

BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY OF THE UNIV. OF LEIDEN, THE NETHERLANDS, IN THE 16TH CENTURY, WERE *CHAINED TO THEIR STALLS AND READERS HAD TO STAND WHILE USING THEM*

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NOAH WEBSTER'S "BLUE BACKED SPELLER"
SOLD 100,000,000 COPIES
BEST SELLER OF ALL TIME – EXCEPT
THE BIBLE

IDA MAY CLAUDINE WILLIAMS - OF - Chicago, Ill.

HAS READ A FULL-LENGTH BOOK EVERY 34 HOURS FOR 60 YEARS

AVERAGED 257 BOOKS A YEAR – AND DID NOT HAVE A WRINKLE OR WEAR GLASSES

A Complete List of the Books and Authors was kept –

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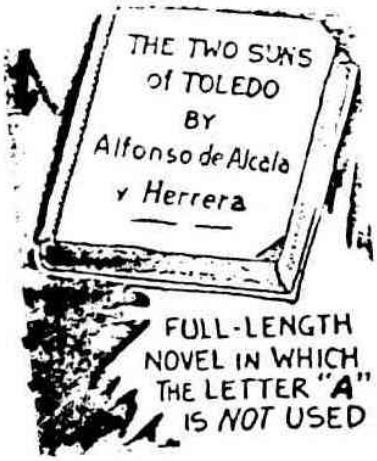


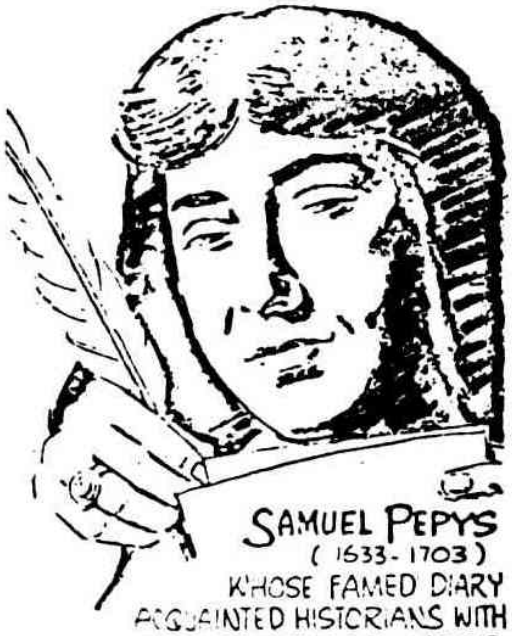
FULL-LENGTH NOVEL IN WHICH THE LETTER "A" IS *NOT* USED

Auguste Lacenaire

SPENT 2 HOURS EACH DAY FOR **42** YEARS READING AT THE SAME BOOK STALL ON THE RIVER SEINE

—

Paris, France



SAMUEL PEPYS
(1633-1703)
WHOSE FAMED DIARY ACQUAINTED HISTORIANS WITH LONDON OF THE 1600s, WROTE PORTIONS OF IT IN CODE AND IN FOREIGN LANGUAGES, SO IT WAS NOT COMPLETELY DECIPHERED *UNTIL 200 YEARS AFTER HIS DEATH*

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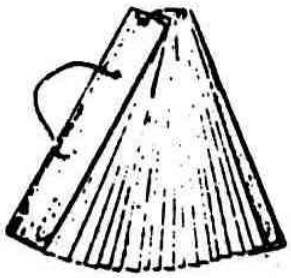

A BOOK WRITTEN IN MALAYALAM, A LANGUAGE OF SOUTH INDIA, ON PALM LEAVES TIED WITH STRINGS BETWEEN 2 SCARD COVERS

JOHANN WOLFGANG von GOETHE (1749-1832) THE GERMAN NOVELIST, PLAYWRIGHT AND POET, WROTE HIS FIRST PLAY *AT THE AGE OF 10*

HENRI II (1614-1664) DUKE OF GUISE, FRANCE, WHILE WOOING SUZANNE de PONS *MEMORIZED THE ENTIRE CONTENTS OF EVERY BOOK IN WHICH SHE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST* HE THUS RECITED TO HER A DOZEN LARGE NOVELS FROM COVER TO COVER

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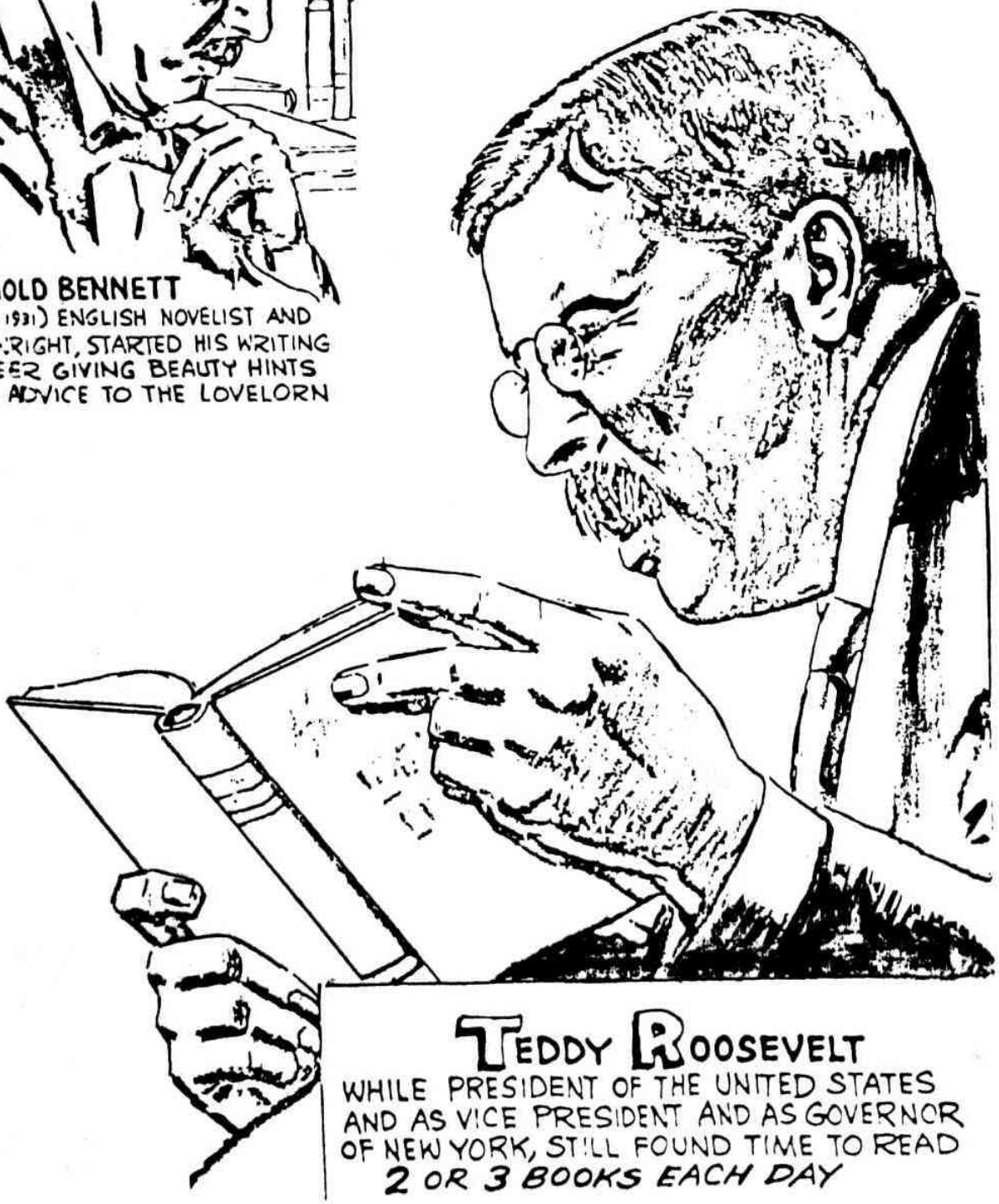
ARNOLD BENNETT
(1857-1931) ENGLISH NOVELIST AND PLAYWRIGHT, STARTED HIS WRITING CAREER GIVING BEAUTY HINTS AND ADVICE TO THE LOVELORN



TEDDY ROOSEVELT
WHILE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND AS VICE PRESIDENT AND AS GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK, STILL FOUND TIME TO READ *2 OR 3 BOOKS EACH DAY*

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NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI (1469-1527) THE ITALIAN PHILOSOPHER AND STATESMAN, WROTE HIS BEST KNOWN BOOK, "THE PRINCE," A GUIDE TO WOULD-BE DICTATORS. PARTLY IN THE HOPE IT WOULD LAND HIM A JOB IN THE GOVERNMENT--*BUT IT DIDN'T WORK*

RALPH WALDO EMERSON (1803-1882) THE ESSAYIST, ENTERED HARVARD COLLEGE AT 14 AND GRADUATED AT 18, BUT WON NO HONORS *BECAUSE HE IGNORED ASSIGNED LESSONS TO READ BOOKS THAT INTERESTED HIM MORE*

DR. PHILEMON HOLLAND
(1552-1637)
famed translator
WROTE "LIVY'S ROMANE HISTORIE"
—A BOOK CONTAINING 1,400,000 WORDS—
USING ONLY ONE QUILL

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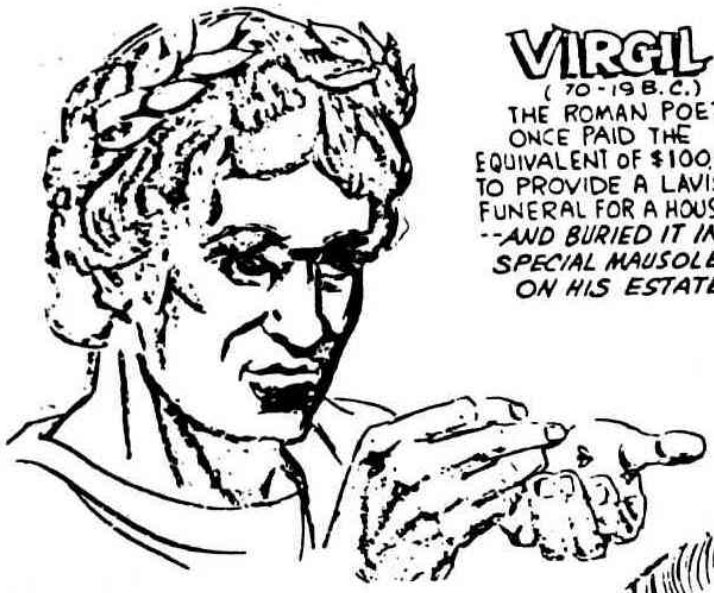

VIRGIL
(70 - 19 B.C.)
THE ROMAN POET ONCE PAID THE EQUIVALENT OF $100,000 TO PROVIDE A LAVISH FUNERAL FOR A HOUSEFLY --AND BURIED IT IN A SPECIAL MAUSOLEUM ON HIS ESTATE

SAMUEL JOHNSON
one of England's most celebrated men of letters
WROTE "RASSELAS" - THE 45,000-WORD NOVEL THAT MADE HIM FAMOUS - *IN 7 EVENINGS!*

HE NEEDED 70 POUNDS TO PAY HIS MOTHER'S FUNERAL EXPENSES

HORATIO ALGER
WHO MADE A FORTUNE WRITING 119 BOOKS INSPIRING POOR BOYS TO LABOR DILIGENTLY AND SAVE THEIR PENNIES, *DIED IN POVERTY BECAUSE HE BECAME A SPENDTHRIFT*

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HAROLD N. MOOS
of Spokane, WA.,
HAS A COLLECTION
OF 51,000
PAPERBACK BOOKS

ALI IBN SIDAH
AN ARAB LEXICOGRAPHER
OF BAGHDAD, WROTE A
32-VOLUME ENCYCLOPEDIA
FROM MEMORY AFTER
HE BECAME BLIND

THOMAS PARNELL (1679-1717)
the English poet
MEMORIZED THE ENTIRE ILIAD-
A TOTAL OF 2523 LINES-
IN JUST 3 NIGHTS
AT THE AGE OF 14

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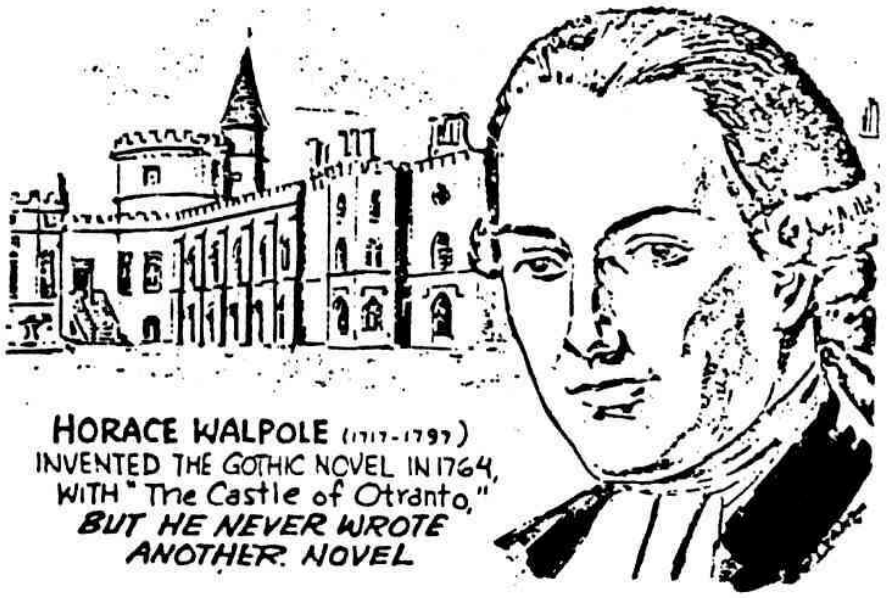
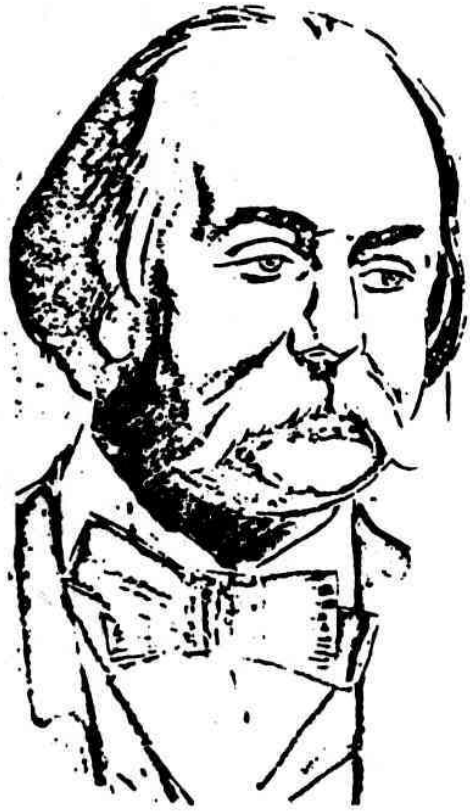


HORACE WALPOLE (1717-1797) INVENTED THE GOTHIC NOVEL IN 1764, WITH "The Castle of Otranto," *BUT HE NEVER WROTE ANOTHER NOVEL*



GUSTAVE FLAUBERT (1821-1880) THE FRENCH NOVELIST FAMED FOR "MADAME BOVARY," OFTEN SPENT DAYS SEEKING *A SINGLE WORD*

ALESSIO NARBONE (1789-1860) of Palermo, Italy WAS SUCH A FANATICAL BOOK LOVER THAT HE DIED OF VEXATION BECAUSE *ONE VOLUME FROM HIS LIBRARY WAS MISPLACED*

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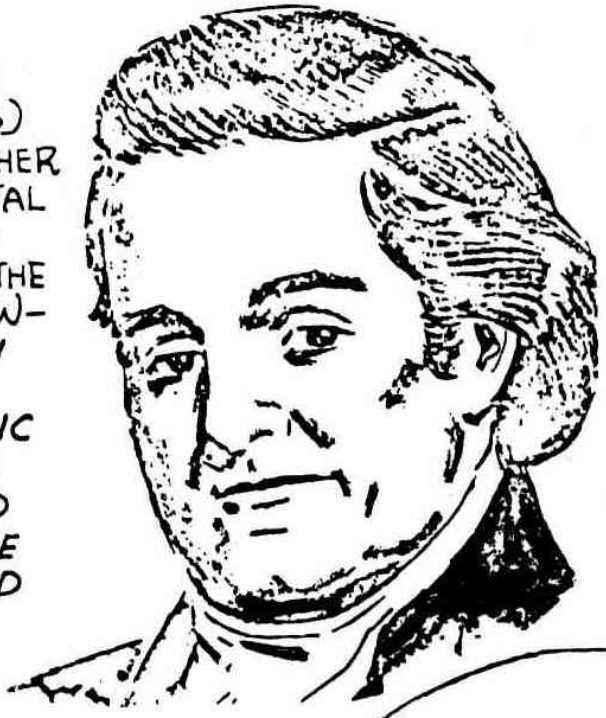
NOAH WEBSTER
(1758-1843)
THE LEXICOGRAPHER WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN SECURING ENACTMENT OF THE COPYRIGHT LAW— *YET HIS OWN NAME WENT INTO THE PUBLIC DOMAIN AND COULD BE USED ON REFERENCE WORKS HE DID NOT EDIT*



LYLE KOEHLER
of Wisconsin State College, at La Crosse, Wis., READ **500** FULL-SIZED BOOKS LAST YEAR *COMPLETING 70 OF THEM IN A SINGLE MONTH*

THE **3d LORD HOLLAND**
(1773-1840)
WROTE "EVE'S LEGEND"-A STORY OF 1,000 WORDS - ***WITH "e" THE ONLY VOWEL USED THROUGHOUT THE TALE*** -THE FIRST LINE READS: "Men were never perfect, yet the three brethren Veres were ever esteemed."

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RÉTIF de la BRETONNE WAS THE AUTHOR OF 152 BOOKS WHICH WERE *NEVER* WRITTEN. HE SET THEM ON TYPE DIRECT. NO WRITTEN MANUSCRIPTS

THE COUNTESS de GENLIS
(1746-1830)
French author of 149 books
CONSIDERED IT IMMORAL FOR A LIBRARY TO DISPLAY BOOKS BY MEN AND WOMEN WRITERS *ON THE SAME SHELVES*

VICTOR HUGO
(1802-1885) THE FAMED FRENCH NOVELIST, ANXIOUS TO LEARN HOW HIS PUBLISHER VIEWED HIS MANUSCRIPT, SENT A LETTER CONSISTING ONLY OF "?" --*HIS PUBLISHER RESPONDED "!"*

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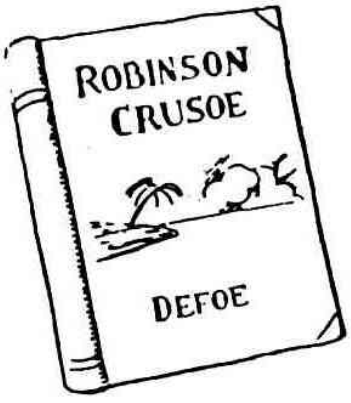
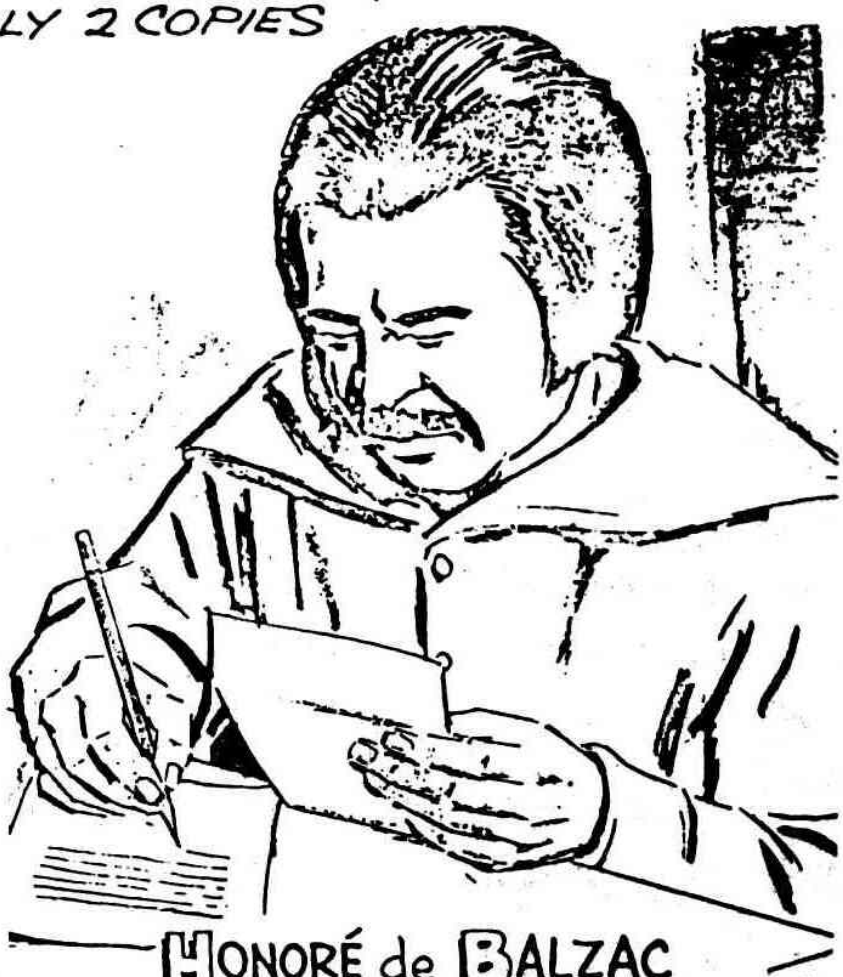
CHARLOTTE BRONTE WHO WROTE "JANE EYRE" AND HER SISTER EMILY BRONTE WHO WROTE "WUTHERING HEIGHTS," JOINTLY WITH A THIRD SISTER, ANNE, PUBLISHED A BOOK OF POETRY IN 1846 *THAT SOLD ONLY 2 COPIES*



DEFOE'S MASTERPIECE *A BEST SELLER FOR* **218** *YEARS* WAS TURNED DOWN BY **20** PUBLISHERS



HONORÉ de BALZAC (1799-1850) THE FAMED FRENCH AUTHOR FOR THE LAST 21 YEARS OF HIS LIFE WROTE DAILY FOR 18 HOURS ATTIRED IN A MONK'S WHITE COWL *--AND STANDING AT HIS DESK*

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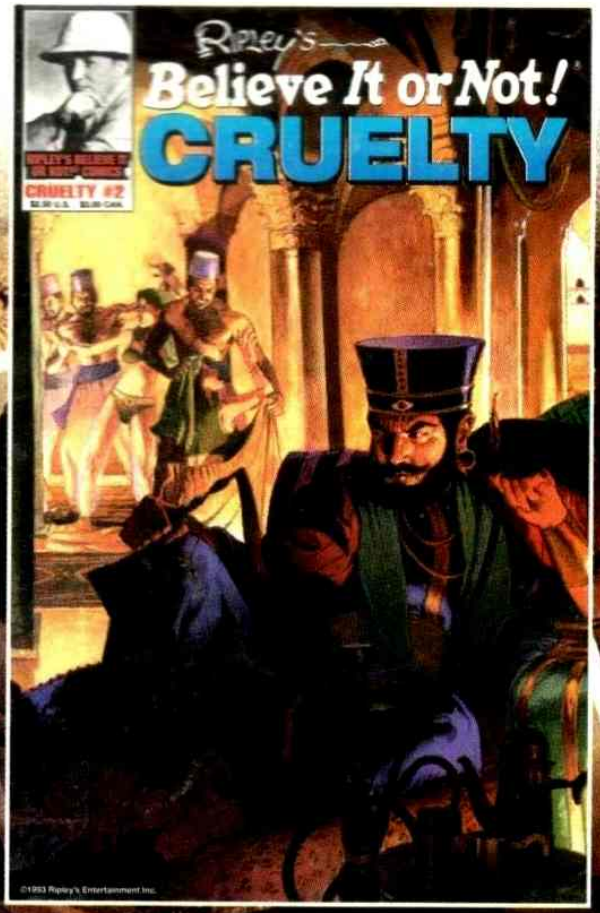

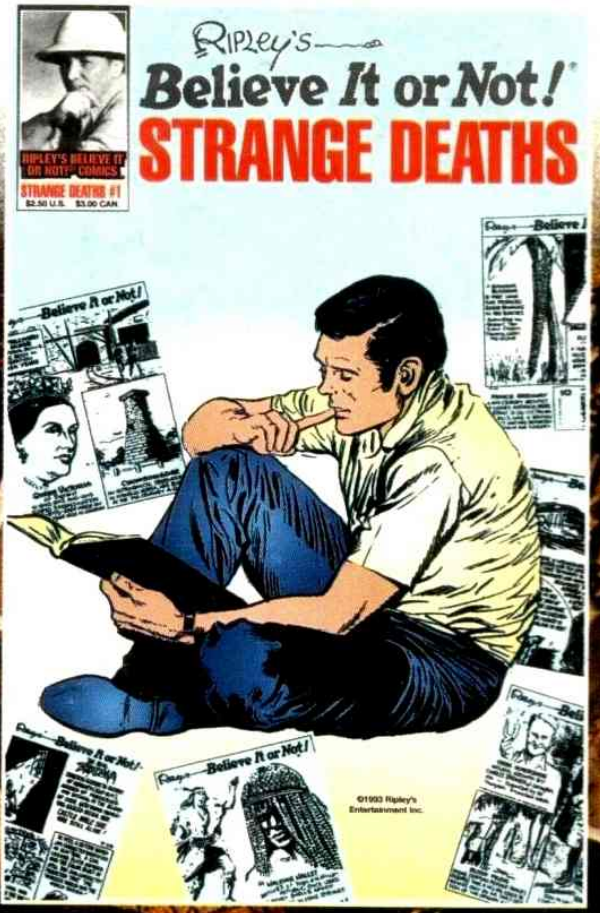

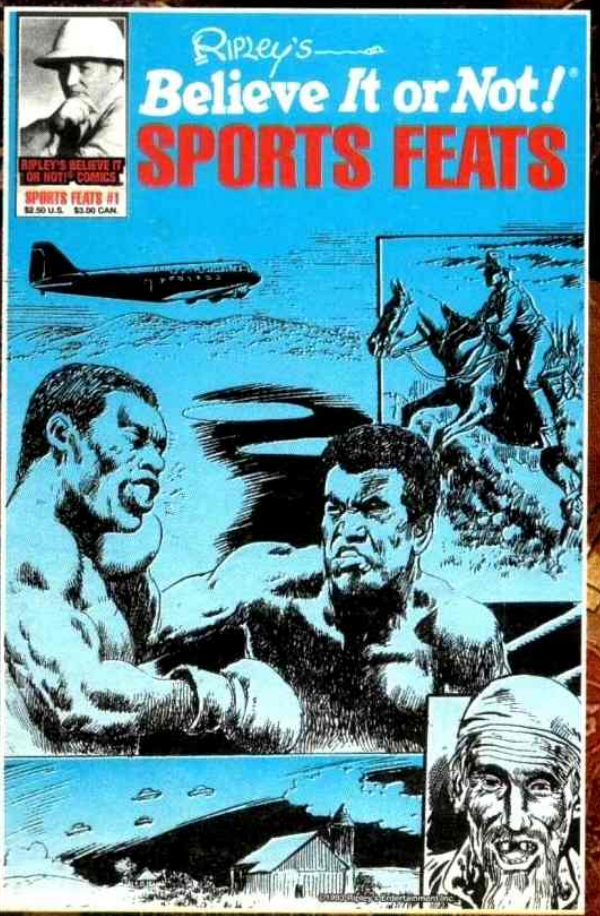

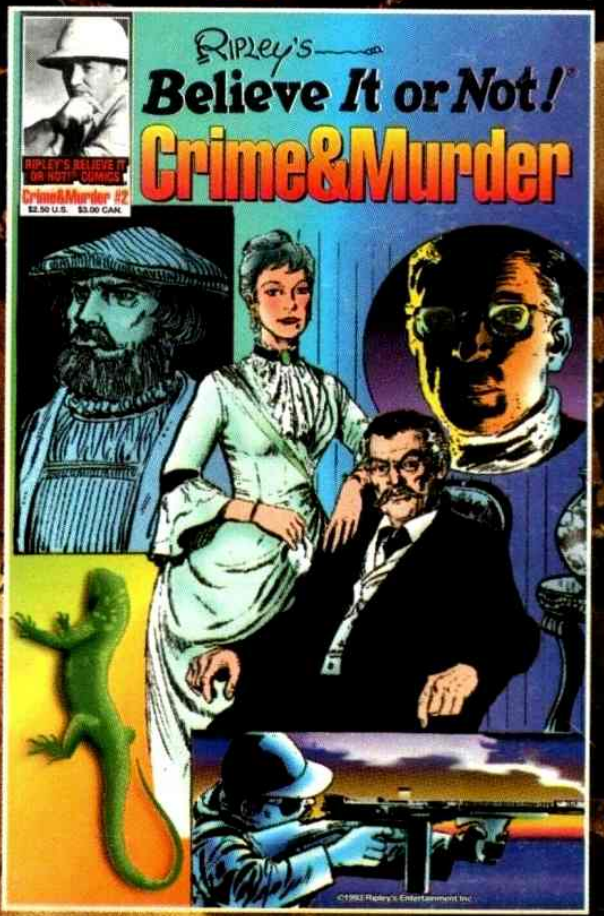

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